

Workshop on “Hot topics in Environmental and Resource Economics”

University of Southern Denmark, Esbjerg, Denmark, 21st-22nd August 2017

Lectures: Jason Shogren, Stroock Professor of Natural Resource Conservation and Management, University of Wyoming, Charles Mason, H.A. “Dave” True, Jr. Professor of Petroleum and Natural Gas Economics, University of Wyoming.

Background:

Current developments in economic theory and the understanding of human behavior with respect to natural resource use are bringing new techniques and new concerns to environmental and resource economics. Professor Shogren will discuss behavioral environmental economics *and its discontents*, while Professor Mason will address current shifts in energy markets and techniques for evaluating their implications for the future.

Ongoing and rapid shifts in the availability and application of economic techniques and in global conditions require increased flexibility and broader understanding of how to integrate economic theory and methods with the study of environmental and resource economics and real-world outcomes. This workshop will focus on:

- How environmental and resource economists are increasingly using tools and methods from behavioral economics to elicit information about preferences and decision-making over environmental and natural resources;
- Controversies fostered by this increasing use.
- Strategic (game theoretic) thinking about the connections between energy resources, environmental outcomes, economic growth and sustainable development in ways that account for the spread of new technologies, which not only lower costs of fossil fuel extraction but also spatially realign capital and infrastructure needs in ways that shift energy market winners and losers;
- How increasing volatility in the predictability in the energy sector requires greater assessment of the strategies adopted in attempts to control uncertain outcomes by these shifting winners and losers.

Content:

We intend to host up to 10-15 participants with backgrounds in environmental, resource, and energy economics and management. The workshop will be mix of lecture, exercises, simulations and hands-on as well as presentation by the participants. The workshop will last two full days beginning in the morning 21 August and end late afternoon 22 August.

Participation

There is no workshop fee. Acceptance is limited and will occur on a rolling basis as we want a small and intense workshop. We encourage all the participants to present a paper/work/PhD or Postdoc project. For consideration as a presenter, please submit a short abstract and title. For consideration as an attendee, please send a short (2 page max) CV. Deadline for enrolment is Aug 7, 2017. Please send your application by e-mail to fame@sdu.dk.

News and questions

Updated information about the workshop can be found at the FAME website www.sdu.dk/fame under Workshops and conferences. Questions? Do not hesitate to contact Irene Nygaard at fame@sdu.dk

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